

2006 GOVERNOR'S ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS



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INTRODUCTION

We are pleased to announce the application process for the **2006 Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards**. We have renamed the program, originally called the NJ Environmental Excellence Awards, to reflect Governor Jon S. Corzine's support and interest in this exciting program.

This program was established six years ago by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to recognize outstanding environmental performance, programs and projects in the state. Each year, interest and support for this program has grown and with the support of the Governor, we anticipate continued growth for 2006.

Winners of the 2006 Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards will be invited to an awards ceremony and press event hosted by the Governor in the fall.

In addition to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the New Jersey Corporation for Advanced Technology (NJCAT) and the State League of Municipalities are co-sponsors of this program.

ELIGIBILITY

Nominations will be accepted from individuals, organizations or businesses. You may nominate yourself or your company/organization as well as another company, individual or organization you believe is worthy of recognition. Applicants/ projects must: 1) Be located in New Jersey, and;

2) Agree to have their project, or program shared with others through a written case study to appear in an awards program.

Third party nominations must be accompanied by a written authorization from the nominated party agreeing to consideration for the award.

JUDGING CRITERIA

All applicants must answer the following five questions. The answer to each question may not exceed one typewritten page.

1. DOCUMENTED ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT (30 Points)

What is your best documentable estimate of the overall environmental benefits of this program/project or individual accomplishment over the past year? For example: pollution prevented, resources or energy conserved, etc.

2. MEETING NEEDS (20 points)

How does this program/project or individual accomplishment contribute to the environmental needs of the state of New Jersey? Describe such issues as: originality, effectiveness in improving existing methods of meeting this need and the risks that were overcome.

3. LEADERSHIP/INNOVATION (15 points)

How does this program/project or individual show leadership and take steps beyond "traditional" environmental protection efforts?

4. COVERAGE AND REPLICABILITY (20 points)

How does this program, project or individual have a long-term impact on their business, community, region or the state? How replicable is the project to other areas i.e., across media areas, into other locations, industries or states?

5. EDUCATION AND OUTREACH (15 points)

What education/outreach activities were undertaken for affected individuals (employees, stakeholders, contractors, consultants etc.)? How can others in a similar line of work use what has been done to learn from these efforts?

SCORING/EVALUATING

A panel of judges from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection management staff and Board of Directors of NJCAT will evaluate all applications.

Each of the judging criteria has an associated point value (see point value in criteria section). Total possible points for each applicant is 100.

ABOUT THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The Department of Environmental Protection is committed to providing a high quality of life for the residents of New Jersey. It is our mission to assist the residents of New Jersey in preserving, sustaining, protecting and enhancing the environment to ensure the integration of high environmental quality, public health and economic vitality. We will accomplish our mission in partnership with the general public, business, environmental community and all levels of government. For more information on the Department, please visit www.state.nj.us/dep/.

ABOUT THE NEW JERSEY CORPORATION FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

The New Jersey Corporation for Advanced Technology (NJCAT) is a private/public partnership that pools the best talents and diverse resources of business and industry, entrepreneurs, university research centers, utilities and government to promote the development and commercialization of exciting, new energy and environmental technologies. For more information about NJCAT, please visit www.njcat.org.

ABOUT THE NEW JERSEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES

The New Jersey State League of Municipalities (League) is a voluntary association created to help communities do a better job of self-government through pooling information resources and brainpower. All New Jersey municipalities are members of the League. For more information about the League, please visit www.njslom.org.

SUBMITTALS AND DEADLINES

Please submit three (3) copies of your application and responses to the five judging criteria. NJDEP Office of the Commissioner must receive all applications by close of business on **September 22, 2006**.

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❖ Award recipients will be notified in October/November 2006.

❖ Awards will be presented at an awards ceremony and press event hosted by the governor in the fall.

❖ Award winners will be offered the opportunity to submit a poster on their project for display at the ceremony.

❖ For further information, contact Marybeth Brenner in the NJDEP Office of the Commissioner at (609) 292-2885.

❖ All entries are public information.

AWARD CATEGORIES (select one)

One award will be issued in each of the nine categories listed below. You must identify the category of your nomination on the attached application form.

I. CLEAN AIR - Nominees in this category should demonstrate a commitment to and experience in one or more of the following areas and activities:

- ☐ Reducing greenhouse gas emissions or equivalents through energy efficiency projects or green power purchases.
- ☐ Reducing outdoor exposure to toxic air contaminants.
- ☐ Reducing air deposition loading to land and water.

II. CLEAN AND PLENTIFUL WATER - Nominees in this category should demonstrate a positive influence in one or more of the following areas and activities:

- ☐ Improving surface or ground water quality.
- ☐ Ensuring sufficient quantities of water through reuse and conservation techniques.
- ☐ Promoting or developing progressive land use policies and watershed management approaches to improve protection of surface and ground-water sources.

III. HEALTHY ECOSYSTEMS - Nominees in this category should demonstrate a commitment to and experience in programs or techniques that have resulted in the restoration, protection and enhancement of the State's ecological resources: including wetlands, estuaries, coastal areas; and, non-game and endangered species.

IV. INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY - Nominees in this category should demonstrate the use or deployment of a new or alternative method, procedure, process, system or facility, which is not considered to be a "proven technology." Nominees in this category should demonstrate how this technology resulted in greater continuous environmental protection, security or economic growth than other technologies in current practice or comparable results at lower costs in terms of energy, economics or environmental impacts.

V. LAND CONSERVATION - Nominees in this category should demonstrate a commitment to and experience in the preservation of open space that protects land from future development.

VI. SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES - Nominees in this category should demonstrate a commitment to and experience in one or more of the following activities:

- ☐ Innovative practices or technologies that have resulted in the private or public sector clean up and redevelopment of contaminated/brownfields sites.
- ☐ Any activity that reduces or eliminates pollution/waste at the source or treats the materials in an environmentally safe manner prior to recycling or disposal.
- ☐ Creation of community-based initiatives that foster involvement, action and effective solutions to the adverse effects of industrial pollution in communities of color and low-income communities.

VII. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION/STUDENT LED PROJECT - This award will be given to a student, group of students or class that has planned and implemented a project/program with measurable positive environmental impacts.

VIII. ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP - This award will be given to an individual who volunteers their time with an environmental, academic or community-based organization in the state.

IX. ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP - This award will be given to an individual who has shown leadership in the promotion of environmental protection in their profession.

GOVERNOR'S ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS APPLICATION

(Please attach to this form your answers to the five Judging Criteria questions)

Name of Company/Association/Organization or Individual to be nominated _____

Person responsible for preparing application / Title _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone # _____ Fax# _____

E Mail Address _____

Is this a third party nomination? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please attach written authorization from the nominated party.

Category of the nomination (select one):

_____ Clean Air

_____ Clean & Plentiful Water

_____ Healthy Ecosystems

_____ Innovative Technology

_____ Land Conservation

_____ Safe & Healthy Communities

_____ Environmental Education/Student Activity

_____ Environmental Stewardship

_____ Environmental Leadership

Brief description of the project or individual being nominated (no more than 200 words).

Did you attach your answers to the judging criteria questions? Prior to September 22, 2006, submit full package to:

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For electronic copies, please go to www.nj.gov/dep/eeawards/index.html



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